GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS PASSING THROUGH FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many roads which were constructed before 1980 and now passing through forests are awaiting approval from the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of such cases pending for approval, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Central Government regulariy grants permission for diversion of forest land for construction of roads through forest area` Under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Since 1980, Central Government has already granted approval to 2338 projects for construction of roads in forest areas. 21 such projects are under examination. The details of these 21 projects are given in Annexure.